

SANDERS MAY ILLANTE.

Montana's Senator Tells of the Days When Lynch Law Reigned.

DEATH OF THE FAMOUS SLADE.

He was Hanged on a Charge of High Treason to the Territory.

HIS WIFE WAS TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Senator Sanders, of Montana, is one of the most entertaining talkers in the Senate. A group of gentlemen were sitting in his committee room not long since listening to his tales of the early history of Montana, when the mining fever was at its height. The talk turned on the different doings of the Vigilantes of which Senator Sanders was a leader.

"Were you present at the execution of the notorious Slade?" asked one of the gentlemen.

"Yes," replied the Montana Senator, "and I could tell you a story about that execution. That was the one instance where the gentleman whom we assisted in making his exit was neither thief nor murderer—or, at least, that was not the crime for which he was hung."

A Charge That Caused Trouble.

"As you know, I was chief of the Vigilance Committee, and we had successfully engineered about 40 or 50 hangings, when we became imbued with the idea that a little more lawful form of government would do to the better interests of our camp, Virginia City, then having about 10,000 population. So, one evening, we gathered together on the outskirts of the town in an informal meeting, and proceeded to choose from among ourselves officers for our local government. Our organization was the simplest thing in the world. We would turn to one of our members and say, 'You are a pretty square sort of fellow, and we know you to be as straight as a string, so you shall be our Judge,' and to another, 'You are a heavy-built chap and have plenty of grit, and you shall be Marshal.' I was District Attorney because I had a smattering of law, and it was my duty to see that the warrants were issued. It seems strange in these days to think of constituting a court in such an off-hand way and without the slightest vestige of Federal authority; but we did it, and our court was respected by all the citizens of Virginia City. That is, most of them. For a time all went well, but after a while, when they found we were not hanging so frequently as before, the lawless element grew bolder and more aggressive.

Said the Leader of the Toughs.

"The leader of this tough part of our population was Mr. Slade. I had known him for a long time and we were the best of friends. He was warm-hearted and a powerful friend to those he liked, but a perfect devil to those who had incurred his displeasure. I have seen him come into a saloon where perhaps 50 men were engaged in playing billiards, cards, etc., and insist that everything should stop at once and that they should drink with him. He would line them all up to the bar and generally had me next to him. He would raise his glass with the rest of them, but instead of drinking with them, would wait until they had finished, and then bring his glass on a level with his eyes, and about a foot from it, and stare, stare, stare at it with terrible intensity for two or three minutes. Then suddenly he would raise the glass, dash it from his hands, and strike the mirror, the floor, the bar-keeper or anything that seemed to strike his fancy, and draw his revolver and begin shooting indiscriminately. He would say to him, 'Slade, give me that pistol,' and in a minute he would hand me his gun and quiet down."

Sentenced for High Treason.

"We sentenced him to death for high treason for inciting others to rebellion and for himself seeking to overthrow our form

of government. When Slade heard of this he sent messengers to go to some of his officers and make a speech in his behalf. I knew that it would be worse than useless for me to do so, and refused to go on a fool's errand. They sent me to our judge with a similar request. In the morning, knowing that he was powerless to prevent the execution, declined to see him. Mr. Slade was taken to a hill overlooking a gulch, and a noose from a gallows (used for slaughter sheep) slipped around his neck and a barrel placed under him. Just as he was about to be swung off, the noise of a horse's hoofs was heard and a mounted woman appeared in the distance coming at a breakneck speed. It was Slade's wife; but by the time she arrived upon the scene, around which 3,000 people were gathered, the barrel had been kicked from under him, and Mr. Slade was "no more."

"That is the story of the execution, and a singular one it was." During the recital of these stirring events Senator Sanders seemed to forget his surroundings and to be living over again the scenes which he was depicting to his interested listeners.

NEW SUMMER BOOKS.

Following are among the late publications received by THE DISPATCH during the week:

"When a Man's Single," by J. M. Barrie. Lovell, Coryell & Co., New York. Fleishman & Co., Pittsburg.

"Of the World Worldly," by Mrs. Forester. Lovell, Coryell & Co., New York. Fleishman & Co., Pittsburg.

"Come Live With Me and Be My Love," an English pastor, by Robert Buchanan. Lovell, Coryell & Co., New York. Fleishman & Co., Pittsburg.

"A Window in Thrums," by J. M. Barrie. Lovell, Coryell & Co., New York. Fleishman & Co., Pittsburg.

"The Little Lady of Lagunitas," by Richard H. Savage, author of "My Official Wife." American Book Co., New York. Publishers. For sale by Pittsburg News Company.

"The Doings of Raffles Haw," by A. Conan Doyle. Lovell, Coryell & Co., New York. A. W. McClary, Pittsburg.

"Son of a Gun," by Minnie Gilmore. Lovell, Coryell & Co., New York. A. W. McClary, Pittsburg, Pa.

"Slaves of the Sawdust," by Amy Reade. Hovey and Company, New York. Fleishman & Co., Pittsburg, Pa.

"Angela's Visits to My Farm in Florida," by Golden Light. Lovell & Co., New York.

"Love for an Hour Is Love Forever," by Amelia Barr. Dodd, Mead & Co., R. S. Davis, Pittsburg, Pa.

"A Colony of Girls," by Kate Livingstone Willard. Dodd, Mead & Co., R. S. Davis, Pittsburg, Pa.

"A Highland Chronicle," by S. Bayard Dod. Dodd, Mead & Co., R. S. Davis, Pittsburg, Pa.

"The Head of the Firm," by Mrs. J. H. Riddell. Lovell, Coryell & Co., New York. A. W. McClary, Pittsburg.

"Auld Licht-Idylls," by J. M. Barrie, author of "When a Man's Single," "A Window in Thrums. Lovell, Coryell & Co., New York. A. W. McClary, Pittsburg.

"Lecture on English Poetry," by William Hazlitt. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co.; R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburg.

"The Art of Entertaining," by M. E. W. Sherman. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York; R. S. Davis, Pittsburg.

Lake Chautauque and Return, \$5 00. Niagara Falls and return, \$7 00. Toronto, Can., and return, \$8 00. Via Allegheny, \$10 00. Tuesday, August 11.

Tickets good 15 days returning. Trains leave U. S. depot, 7:30 a. m., and 8:30 p. m., consisting of Eastlake coaches, Pullman buffet, parlor and sleeping cars.

Why Not to Go? You certainly want good boarders and readers. How to secure them. A few small advertisements in THE DISPATCH sent them to others. Why not to you?

Excursion to Atlantic City. Via R. O. R. on Thursday, August 11. Rate \$10 round trip, including breakfast, 12 days and good to stop at Washington City. Trains leave Pittsburg at 8 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

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MYSTERY OF TULARE.

A Secret Discovered Under the Famous California Lake.

NOT BEEN LONG IN EXISTENCE.

Evidence That the Body of Water Has Been There Only 200 Years.

PRESERVED TRUNKS OF ANCIENT TREES

FRESNO, Aug. 10.—The low stage of the water in Lake Tulare has brought to notice a fact which appears to have considerable value in pointing out an important geographical change in Central California within comparatively recent times. Where the waters have receded a grove of stumps and broken trees have been brought to view, partly buried in the mud. They evidently grew where they now are found. Some of the trees lie prostrate on the bottom of the lake, while fragments of others still stand as stumps and snags. But the roots of all are yet fast in the soil, where in some past age they flourished as members of a forest. Those that are now prostrate were evidently torn up by the roots, and the waters of the lake have never moved from where they fell, although they have been under water centuries, perhaps. Others are still standing upright, although their branches have disappeared, and only the broken trunks remain like snags in the water.

Lake Tulare has been undergoing a steady change since the waters of the rivers that feed it have been led away for irrigation purposes. As is generally known the lake lies in the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley, and has no outlet. It is fed by Kings river, Tulare river, Tule river, Kaweah river, and other smaller streams that come in from the Sierra Nevada Mountains on the east.

When First Known to Americans.

When this lake first became known to Americans it was more than 30 miles long and nearly the same distance in width, and contained no less than 1,000 square miles. In seasons of drought it was probably somewhat smaller, while in seasons of much rain its size was very much greater. The great water discharge, since its formation, except, perhaps, in times of very great floods, when a portion of the surplus might have overflowed the plains into the San Joaquin river, 50 miles distant.

When irrigation, since the opening of Fresno and Tulare counties was commenced the water was led away from the rivers and was taken out upon the plains. By this means the quantity which the lake annually received was lessened, and the water evaporated as usual the natural consequence was that the lake began to recede.

It never was deep, not over 40 feet, perhaps. At the present time it is only a fraction of its former depth, and is being drawn away on account of the cutting off of its supply of water from the rivers until Lake Tulare exists now practically in name. It occupies the shallow depression in the lowest part of the valley, while what formerly was the bottom of the lake is now wheat land and orchard.

Just on the edge of the water the remnant of the grove of trees is found. Here is where the great geological change is suggested. The trees evidently grew on dry ground. They could not have grown under water. When they were growing Lake Tulare could not have been in existence. The trees were found in the water.

They are willow, and some of them are two feet or more in diameter, such as now grow in the bottom land along Kings river. They grew where they are now found, and the water of the lake overthrew them, and being under water, they have been preserved from decay, and now are brought to view by the receding of the waters.

Not Long in Existence.

There seems to be but one theory by which the existence of the submerged grove may be accounted for. The time may not have been very long ago when Lake Tulare did not exist. The change as to its origin by those who have investigated the subject. The causes are visible. There was a time when the waters of Kings, Tulare, Tule and Kaweah rivers all flowed northward, and reached the ocean through the channel of the San Joaquin. The rivers that now discharge their waters into Lake Tulare then probably emptied into one river somewhere in the vicinity of the present site of the Kings River. The northward along the lowest part of the valley and reached the San Joaquin near the present town of Mendota, formerly Whites Brides. The channel or channels of this

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